

## Message Text

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R 070755Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9179  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USLO PEKING  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 427

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1, 4 DIMPTD  
TAGS: EPAP EALR PORT EAID VM (WFP)  
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN VIET NAM REPORTEDLY FACES INSECT PLAGUE

1. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, VIET NAM IS CURRENTLY FACING A PLAGUE OF INSECT PESTS THAT IS ENDANGERING RICE CROPS IN NINE SOUTHERN PROVINCES. THE SRV ON APRIL 2 APPEALED TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE. THE WFP WILL DISPATCH A SPECIAL TEAM TO VIET NAM IN A FEW DAYS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION FIRST HAND.

2. A RECENT TRAVELER TO VIET NAM TOLD US APRIL 7 THAT SOUTHERN VIET NAM'S 1978 CROP WAS VULNERABLE TO PESTS BECAUSE MANY SOUTHERN FARMERS WERE NOT APPLYING PESTICIDES TO THEIR FIELDS.

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3. PRIVATE FARMERS REPORTEDLY MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN PESTICIDES (AND FERTILIZERS) FROM THE STATE, BUT BECAUSE THESE FARMERS WERE FORCED TO SELL THEIR PREVIOUS CROP TO THE STATE FOR LOW FIXED PRICES, MOST NOW DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY FOR SUCH EXPENDITURES.

4. COMMENT: FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM INSECT

PLAGUES TO PRIVATE FARMS MAY RESULT IN SOME INFESTATION  
AND DAMAGE TO EVEN PROTECTED COOPERATIVE OR COLLECTIVIZED  
FARMS WHICH ADJOIN THE UNPROTECTED PRIVATE PLOTS.  
INASMUCH AS THE MAJORITY OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE  
COMPRISES SMALL PRIVATE PLOTS, AN INSECT PLAGUE UNLESS  
ARRESTED COULD CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE 1978 SOUTHERN  
VIET NAM RICE CROP.  
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